

The women's basketball team took on the BYU Cougars at home last night. See the recap on pg. 3.

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Explosion, smoke disrupt Throckmorton in two separate emergencies Wednesday



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Students wait outside as firefighters search for the cause of smoke that came out of Throckmorton Plant Sciences Center. When smoke appeared in the hall around 4 on Wednesday afternoon, bystanders pulled a fire alarm to evacuate the building.

Karen Ingram
news editor

Throckmorton Hall was the site of two minor, unrelated emergencies in the span of a day.

K-State's public safety team was called to clean up hazardous materials after a small explosion in an agronomy laboratory on Wednesday morning.

According to a K-State Communications and Marketing press release, a custodian heard a noise in the laboratory at around 6 a.m.

Steve Galitzer, director of public safety, said the custodian entered the room to determine the cause of the noise, saw a mess all over the floor and immediately left to call for help, as facilities workers are trained to. Galitzer said the public safety team arrived at approximately 7:30 a.m. and had the spill cleaned up by approximately 11:30.

"We think there was something put into the waste containers that overreacted and built up pressure," Galitzer said.

The resulting explosion caused other containers around it to break as well, resulting in the spill of multiple chemicals, including nitric acid. The spill was cleaned up with minimal damage to the room. Galizer said the floor wax would probably have to be redone and there may be minor damage to surrounding cabinets and benches. There were no injuries reported.



Missy Calvert | Collegian

Staff pulled the fire alarm at Throckmorton on Wednesday after seeing smoke in the hallway. The building was evacuated for an hour until the Manhattan Fire Department gave the all clear, but the smell of smoke still lingered in the halls. Bill Schapaugh, interim department head of agronomy, said the cause of the fire was not found. "We will just have to keep an eye on it the next few days and see what's going on," he said.

At approximately 4:15 p.m., a fire alarm was manually pulled in Throckmorton Hall and the building was evacuated. According to Bill Schapaugh, interim department head of agronomy, there was smoke in the second floor hallway in the southwest corner of the building. The source of the smoke could not be determined, so the alarm was

pulled.

Jim Blanck, battalion chief for the Manhattan Fire Department, said firefighters reported faintly smelling a burnt electrical smell, but it soon dissipated. Firefighters conducted a thorough search of the building on all floors, including the roof, but found nothing. Blanck said maintenance would perform another check of the building,

but did not think there was anything to worry about. According to Blanck, calls like this are common.

"They have a good electrical system," Blanck said. "Everything is backed up with breakers."

People were allowed back into the building at 4:28 p.m. There was no reported damage or injuries.

Nonprofit advocates policy change, helps students repay loans

Lindsay Beardall
staff writer

The American dream has taken a backseat for students who have graduated college. A recent poll conducted by the nonprofit organization Generation Opportunity reveals 27 percent of students say they will have to delay repaying loans and other debt due to poor economic conditions. However, this is not the only step in life that students will have to delay.

"We are seeing more and more that these accumulations of student debt are putting off other life decisions, like buying a house or car," said Jodi Kaus, director of Powercat Financial Counseling.

Kaus said budgeting and student loan repayment are the two most common subjects students come to see her about. She said it is not just students being unable to find employment after graduation that add to the problem, but also how the downturn in the economy has left some parents unable to help their student as much as they had hoped because of lost jobs.

However, many students simply are unaware of their options for student loan repayment, Kaus said.

"There are definitely options for federal student loan repayment," Kaus said. "If you have little to no income, there is a way to essentially defer payment. However, it is a year-by-year reapplication process."

"The bulk of my debt came from a study abroad trip to Spain to finish my Spanish minor," said Krystin Guggisberg, who graduated from K-State in 2010 in family studies and human services. "Having that debt definitely makes me more cautious of bigger purchases like a new car or home. It's a conversation my husband and I have had several times, whether we want to wait until my student debt is paid off before putting a down payment on a home."

Graduates like Guggisberg could benefit from President Obama's new "Pay as You Earn" proposal, according to an Oct. 25 White House press release. This proposal reduces monthly payments by making payments a smaller percentage of income than before. Under this proposal, payments can be capped at 10 percent of a graduated student's income, and if the student's debt is not fully repaid after 20 years, the remaining balance is forgiven. This is an improvement over current policy, which has payments capped at 15 percent and forgives loan balances after 25 years.

"College graduates are entering one of the toughest job markets in recent memory and we have a way to help them save money by consolidating their debt and capping their loan payments. And we can do it at no cost to the taxpayer," said Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education, in the press release.

Generation Opportunity operates a website specifically built for the discussion of policy decisions such as this, said Paul Conway, the organization's president. According to generationopportunity.org, Generation Opportunity is a "nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that seeks to educate and organize young Americans on the challenges facing our nation."

"There's this stereotype about this generation of 18- to 29-year-olds that is simply not true — that they are self-absorbed or lost in technology and disengaged," Conway said. "But this generation has been sent to fight wars, and it changed history in 2008. This is a great generation and our goal is to help everyone to have a voice to speak for themselves and be effective."

Conway said a team of 13 people make up their organization and lend many different points of view on issues discussed both on the website and in events the organization is involved with. He said the original concept was to engage a large number of people in conversation about political issues, not limited to political voting or campaign schedules.

"We want to create platforms on which people can engage in conversation about policies that affect their everyday life, maybe even provide a different view or lens on an issue," Conway said.

The website lists several avenues through which students and young people can help to enact change, including how to organize events on certain policy issues, as well as how to be effective at a town hall meeting. Conway said the goal is to empower people and give them a voice.

"The heart of the matter here is the lack of economic opportunity," Conway said. "Every month, there is a new unemployment number published. But behind that number, there is an incredible story and an impact on individual people. These stories need to be told, whether it's a call to a radio station or a letter to policy makers. Everyone should be able to make their voice heard and get up and do something about it. It's not enough to be a spectator in life."

Spoken word artist shares poetry with students in personal performance

Jakki Thompson
staff writer

Spoken word artist Shanelle Gabriel came to perform at K-State in the Leadership Studies building on Thursday. She signed personalized posters and took photos with people in attendance that stayed after her performance.

"This went better than I ever could have imagined," said Laura Oxler, Union Program Council multicultural co-chair and junior in journalism and mass communications. "She completely blew my mind with how engaging she was."

Gabriel, who is originally from Brooklyn, has performed nationally and internationally to diverse groups of audiences. She said this event was one of her favorites because there was a great energy in the room and that people at K-State were sweet and warming.

"Spoken word is a combination of poetry, sounds and a little bit of theater," Gabriel said. "It is just different people talking about their lives. When I perform, I try to tap into what I felt when I originally wrote the poem. That means that there is a sense of theater and self-reflection in everything I do."



Evert Nelson | Collegian

Shanelle Gabriel performs slam poetry to a crowd in the Town Hall Room of the Leadership Studies Building on Wednesday night. "Poetry is close to my heart," Gabriel said.

Gabriel tried to include the audience as much as possible throughout her entire spoken word performance. She said if people had questions, they could shout them out whenever they wanted, as long as it wasn't in the middle of a poem. She wanted her performance to be compared to a

southern Baptist church.

"This event went so well. I am in such a high right now because of how well it went," said Michelle Foster, UPC multicultural co-chair and senior in political science. "She made this experience more personal by including us in her life rather than just talk-

ing to us."

When Gabriel was a junior in college, she was diagnosed with lupus. Lupus is an autoimmune disease; a chronic illness where the body sends white blood cells to attack the body instead of infections. It tends to flare up in times of stress.

"It is another challenge that I have to deal with a chronic illness," Gabriel said. "I have more appreciation for the body I was born with. Lupus gave me a calling. I am now an ambassador for lupus. This is something that even when people are battling through hard times, they can still live out their dreams."

Gabriel is also known for her singing talent. She said she had been singing since she was 5, beginning in her church's children's choir, and hasn't stopped since.

Gabriel said that it is an age-old battle between which she prefers: spoken word or singing.

"Singing was my first love," she said. "Poetry is close to my heart. I am not ready to make the decision between them yet."

Radina's Coffeehouse and Roastery catered the event, which took place in the Town Hall Room of the Leadership Studies building. The coffee shop provided cookies, brownies, a cheese and crackers platter, coffee and hot chocolate, which were available for free to audience members.

"I just wanted to thank Radina's for being so gracious in catering for us and this event," Foster said. "So much

support has come from Radina's and the Leadership Studies Building staff. I mean, we probably won't leave until an

"When I perform, I try to tap into what I felt when I originally wrote the poem. That means that there is a sense of theater and self-reflection in everything I do."

Shanelle Gabriel
spoken word artist

hour after the event was supposed to end at, but the people here are so understanding about what is happening."

Gabriel said it was a blessing to be here in Manhattan and that "the Little Apple" has made an impression on her.

"I love what I do and I love people," Gabriel said. "I pray that shines through when I speak. There was a lot of love in the room tonight and I am so grateful for that."

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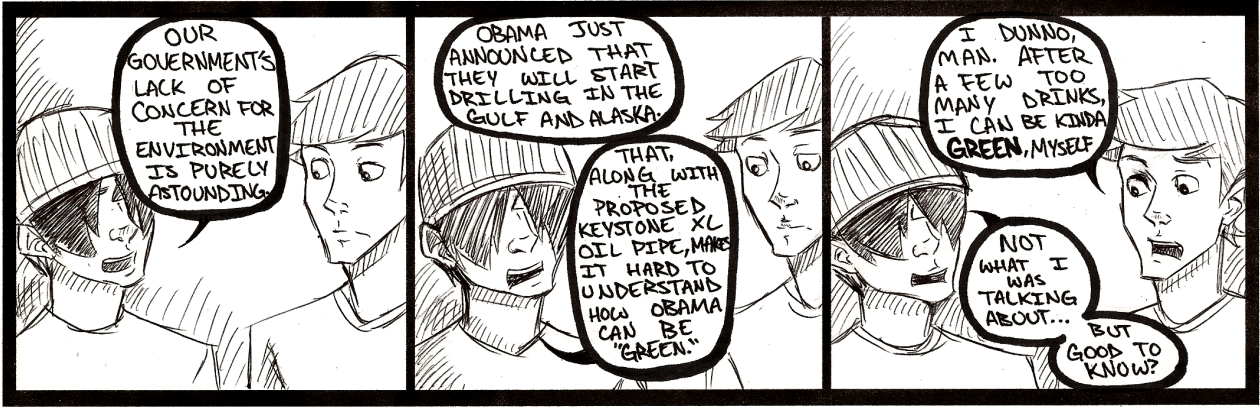
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K-State lead majority of game to defeat BYU Cougars 59-46



Senior forward **Jalana Childs** leaps for a basket in Wednesday night's game against BYU in Bramlage Coliseum. Childs scored 18 of the Wildcats' 59 points. "I think I went a little crazy sometimes," Childs said.

Kelly Mchugh
staff writer

On Wednesday night, the Wildcats stepped onto the court knowing it was going to be a tough fight. Head women's basketball coach Deb Patterson had talked about how if they played like they did against Dartmouth, that it would not even be a game. They knew they would have to put it all out there in order to win. In a game seen as this season's first big challenge, K-State came through with a win of 59-46 over the BYU Cougars.

The teams tipped off the much anticipated game with high intensity. Coach Patterson opened the game with starters Brittany Chambers, Jalana Childs, Tasha Dickey, Branshea Brown and Mariah White.

BYU put the first points on the board with a quick layup in the opening minute, but this did not get the Wildcats down. For the first 10 minutes, the lead bounced back and forth between the two teams. The score remained close and neither team let up on their defensive pressure.

But the Wildcats caught fire the last five minutes and held an 8-point lead as the half came to a close. At half-time, Childs led the team by shooting 6-10 from the field.

With coach Patterson starting the same five in the second half, the intensity was on. The Cougars were the first to score, but, as in the first half, the Wildcats held their own and maintained the lead.

Except in the opening minutes of the game, BYU did not take the lead again. K-State's starting five continued to out-shoot and out-defend the Cougars as the second half progressed. The Wildcats' intensity and drive on the court made all the difference and kept them a step ahead of BYU.

With four minutes remaining, Chantay Caron scored 2 points and received a free shot, which brought the team together on the court



Brittany Chambers, junior, guards BYU's Stephanie Rovetti on Wednesday night. Chambers and two other players scored in the double digits.

and built the lead to over 10 points.

BYU's chance to catch up was brought to an end as, defensively, K-State pressed on.

With Childs, Chambers and White all scoring in the double digits, K-State brought their lead to 13 points as the final seconds ran off the clock. It was a game well-played for the K-State Wildcats.

"I thought our team came out tonight with a greater sense of ownership of the possession."

Deb Patterson
head women's basketball coach

Childs led the team on the court during the game.

"Tonight I told the starters that I was going to impact us on the energy side," Childs said, "and I think I went a little crazy sometimes, but I think that was good for us, I think it really helped."

Help it definitely did as the rest of the team fed off of her energy and the team succeeded in their play.

"After the last game, where

we were just so careless with the ball, I thought our team came out tonight with a greater sense of ownership of the possession," Patterson said.

Coach Patterson believed that the difference between last night's game and the team's opening games was the defensive strength they showed, and said "in most situations we played very, very well."

K-State finished the second half with an almost 40 percent shot record from the field, which is the best they have seen this season. However, even with her 18 points on the board, Childs said there is better play on the horizon for her.

"Don't think I'm where I want to be, I think I was OK offensively, OK defensively, and we've got a lot more basketball to play," Childs said. "I've got a lot to grow on."

K-State will hit the court again on Friday night against Missouri State. The game begins at 7 in Bramlage Coliseum.

While she said they have a lot to work on before conference play, coach Patterson was happy with the team's performance.

"Tonight they were tough-minded, and you have to be tough-minded to succeed," she said. "And tonight we owned up to it."

Volleyball team unable to conquer Cyclones

Mark Kern
sports editor

Looking for some redemption, the Wildcats volleyball team took the court in hopes of defeating the Iowa State Cyclones. However, the Cyclones showed why they are the No. 2 ranked team in the Big 12 Conference as they swept the Wildcats in three sets (23-25, 21-25, 14-25) on Wednesday night in Ames, Iowa.

The Wildcats (18-10, 7-7) were able to battle the Cyclones (21-4, 12-2) in the first two sets, but the Cyclones took control in the third set and never allowed the Wildcats in the match.

K-State was led by junior captain Kathleen Ludwig and sophomore Kaitlynn Pelger, who both had nine kills for the night.

Iowa State, on the other hand, was led by senior Carly Jensen with 16 kills, including a hitting percentage of .520.

Both teams came out in the first set and battled back and forth. After the Wildcats held a 15-13 lead, the Cyclones scored six straight points to take the 4-point lead. The Wildcats would bounce back to tie the score at 22, but the Cyclones went on a run to win the first set by two.

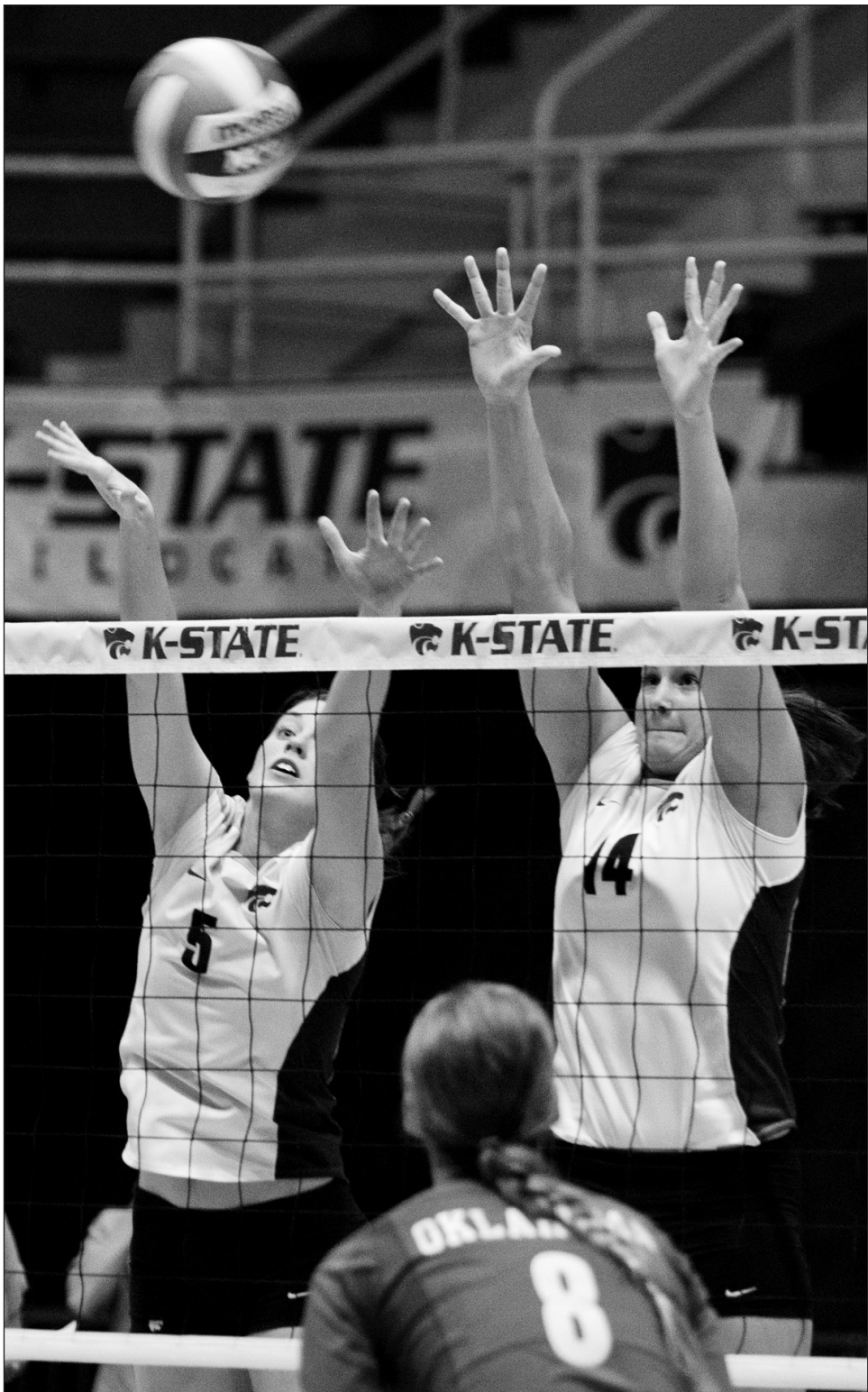
The Cyclones continued to take over as they scored 7 of the first 8 points in the second set. The team built the lead to 23-14, and appeared to be in cruise control for a two set to zero lead.

However, the Wildcats went on a 6-point run of their own to pull within 3 and give themselves a chance to steal the set.

However, after an error on Pelger, the Cyclones were able to end the Wildcat run to take the set.

In the third set, the Wildcats hung early as the two teams were tied at 8 points. Iowa State would eventually close the match on a run of 17-6 to take the set and the match.

The Wildcats will be back in action on Saturday as they play host to the Texas Tech Red Raiders. The match has been moved to 3 p.m. due to the football game taking place in Austin.



Kathleen Ludwig, junior opposite hitter, and Taylor Johnson, redshirt freshman middle blocker, jump for the ball at the Oklahoma game on Nov. 9. The Wildcats played on Wednesday night in Ames, Iowa, losing to the Iowa State Cyclones in three sets.

Two-minute drill

Mark Kern
sports editor

NCAAB

The young college basketball season has seen its fair share of upsets, and perhaps the biggest one took place in Pittsburgh on Wednesday night. Long Beach State went to No. 9 Pittsburgh and defeated the Panthers 86-76 in a game that the 49ers had the entire way. The loss ends a 58-game non-conference home game winning streak for the Pittsburgh Panthers.

Casper Ware led the 49ers with 28 points on 10-18 shooting to go along with six assists.

The 49ers, 2-0 on the season, still have games against North Carolina, Kansas and Louisville all during their non-conference schedule.

MLB

On Wednesday, the two leagues announced their managers of the year. The American League manager of the year was Joe Maddon of the Tampa Bay Rays. The Rays were nine games out of the wild-card spot with a month left when they went on a run that saw them clinch the playoff berth on the final night.

Kirk Gibson, of the Arizona Diamondbacks, was announced as the National League manager of the year. In

his first full year as the manager, the Diamondbacks went from worst to first and took the Milwaukee Brewers to seven games in the first round of the playoffs.

Houston businessman Jim Crane has agreed to purchase the Houston Astros. However, executives from the MLB have announced that they will not approve of the deal unless he agrees to move the American League.

Commissioner Bud Selig has said that a 15/15 realignment in baseball would create more fairness.

Currently, the Astros are in the National League Central, which has six teams. However, if they agree to move to the AL West, all six divisions in baseball will have five teams in their division.

NCAA

The former chief operating officer of the Fiesta Bowl, Natalie Wisneski, has been indicted on charges of filing false income tax returns for the bowl game.

Wisneski resigned in March after CEO John Junker was fired when the scheme was made known to the entire public.

The Fiesta Bowl almost lost its role as one of the top four top-tier bowl games.

Robert Shelton replaced Junker in June, and is in charge of fixing the bowl's reputation.

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GAMEDAY EDITION

Authentic Thanksgiving staples easy to make from scratch



Editor's Note: See the recipes used and more details about her Thanksgiving recommendations on page 6.

I'm not a trained chef by any stretch of the imagination, even my own. But I do enjoy cooking and never miss the chance to improve. Thanksgiving is the perfect time for newer cooks in the kitchen to practice holiday staples because the supportive family atmosphere is there in case you fail.

Although Thanksgiving could be considered the ultimate test of a home cook, tackling it is easier than it seems. To impress your guests and boost self-confidence, focus on making smooth, consistent mashed potatoes, a soft yet hearty dressing and a pecan pie.

Mashed potatoes:

I don't know how everyone else's Thanksgiving works, but my family always goes for the potatoes first. We have learned over the years not just to double the recipe, but to triple it.

The most important thing to remember about mashed potatoes is to keep them from drying out. Whether I am making baby new potatoes with truffle oil or a small batch of russet mashed potatoes for dinner, I always focus on fluffy potatoes.

When cooking the mashed potatoes for Thanksgiving, make sure all the potatoes are cut the same size. A half-inch thickness is going to cook the potatoes through and make them easy to mash. I pulled my russet potatoes off the stove two minutes early because they were soft to a fork.

Garlic mashed potatoes add a classic and complimentary tone to the table, but the key is subtlety. An accent like garlic is easily overwhelming, so a heavy hand isn't necessary. I would also advise against using garlic salt or powder. Controlling the taste with these alternatives is difficult and unoriginal. Cooking 15 cloves with the potatoes infuses the flavor quickly and evenly. It also softens them, making them easy to mash in with the potatoes.

Finishing the potatoes is as important as making sure they are cooked properly. Immediately after the potatoes are strained, throw them onto the heat to dry out, about a minute. Using the heat retained in the pot, throw in



a stick of unsalted butter and eight ounces of cream cheese. These additions will thicken up this classic side dish and keep them moist, creamy and stable enough to be reheated for leftovers.

Dressing:

According to the food dictionary

on *epicurious.com*, the terms dressing and stuffing are interchangeable. Personally, I have always seen them as separate entities and treat them as such.

I like stable, chunky dressing, and an Italian loaf makes a great base. Tearing the bread into one-inch pieces and allowing it to dry for two

days keeps the dish from collapsing under the weight of the vegetables and broth.

Even a simple dressing recipe can go bad. Keep a watchful eye on the oven as you brown the torn bread pieces. A browned crust is tasty, but a blackened crust is not. I browned my bread pieces on two cookie sheets for 10 minutes. I made sure to rotate the

trays so ensure even cooking. This is one of those recipes when it works to use your hands. It's the easiest way to evenly coat the bread with the sautéed celery, shallots and garlic. Cooking is sensory, so getting up close and personal with your dishes adds extra "love."

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Ways to deal with Debbie Downers over holiday break



Abby Belden
managing copy chief

During holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas, no one saves a seat for Debbie Downer.

While many students are preparing to travel home for a fun time with family during the holidays, some will have to deal with a relative's negativity. What should students do if they have a Negative Nancy at their family gathering?

Brad Jepsen, senior in technology management, said he would leave the person alone. "I would just avoid them," Jepsen said. "That way they won't bring me down."

If people ever find themselves in an uneasy situation, Paula Renaye, author of "The Hardline Self Help Handbook," has a few tips.

The first is to have not necessarily low, but reasonable expectations when traveling home for the holidays.

"Walk in with zero expectations and zero agendas," Renaye said. "We have been programmed by the media and by everyone else. We see this picture-perfect commercial of how our family should be."

Jane Hansen, staff psychologist at K-State's Counseling Services, said disappointment is often the result of a situation where high expectations are not met.

"I think expectations are a big thing that people get blindsided on," Hansen said. "We have these ideas, thoughts or imaginings of how things are going to go, and when things don't go that way, we are disappointed."

A second suggestion Renaye provided is never to say anything negative - this includes one-downing, which is the opposite of one-upping. One-downing is the art of coming up with a story that is worse than the one that was just told. While it may be easy for us to fall into habit of being negative, Renaye said it is best to not respond to any type of negativity, regardless of personal opinions or agreement with that topic.

Dodge, distract and detour is another one of Renaye's tips to diffuse a negative conversation or situation. Negativity can be dodged by not answering or responding, distracting could be as easy as changing the subject and detouring is used to steer the conversation into a positive area. Renaye said by not participating in the negative conversations, it breaks the pattern.

"It changes everything, when you change and don't do what you have always done, everything and everyone has to adjust accordingly," Renaye said.

Additional solutions include not telling personal sto-

ries about yourself. Do not share any personal situations or struggles, even if times are tough. She said if the Negative Nancy has that information, they often use it to judge, spread gossip and make themselves feel better about their situation. This also helps avoid the chance for a Debbie Downer to one-down a person.

The final tip is to "do your homework and become like Teflon."

Renaye said this means avoiding any of the same old confrontations. A way to do this is to do what you want, but be polite and positive while doing so.

Hansen said people often become hung up on what is expected of them, and instead of honoring their feelings, they fall prey to what they believe is expected of them.

"I encourage people to practice healthy boundaries and in a way that is authentic to them, to be patient and kind with yourself and others," she said.

While these tips can help students cope with others' negativity, Renaye also had advice on how to avoid becoming part of the negative party. She said to begin paying attention to one's own thoughts, words and actions.

"It's about recognizing if you are falling into your loop or someone else's loops," Renaye said. "It serves no purpose."

WEEKLY 10

10 good reasons for students to watch Republican debates



Students might think they have better things to do than keep up with the recent debates between the Republican presidential candidates. But it is a shame that more students don't take advantage of the incredible television that is the Republican debates. Every week something exciting happens, and students who haven't kept up are left behind. Here are 10 things that should prompt you to become more active in your government.

10. IT'S GREAT REALITY TV

We claim to hate "Jersey Shore," but secretly everyone has some reality TV show obsession. I enjoy "Maury" because I like guessing whether the men are the baby daddies. Suspense is awesome. The Republican presidential debate is like reality TV on steroids. Not only can you guess how many women Herman Cain has sexually harassed, but you can also spend your time figuring out which ones are racist.

9. COULD BE A DRINKING GAME

If you are not watching the debates because you would rather drink, try combining the two. Every time a candidate references Ronald Reagan, Obama-care or Jesus, take a shot. By the end of the night you'll be wasted and more civically responsible.

8. MICHELE BACHMANN

She is the one reason everyone needs to watch these debates. She thinks John Quincy Adams is one of the founding fathers and hates science.

She creates some great quotes, like this gem on immigration from Mexico: "To not build a fence is in effect to yield United States sovereignty."

It looks like the U.S. has been yielding sovereignty for over 200 years now. Good thing we have Bachmann around to take back the country from foreigners. If she had her way, she would probably melt the Statue of Liberty down to create fence posts and bear traps.

7. NEWT GINGRICH

This guy has co-written a series of alternative history books, so he thinks he is an expert in things like "real history." If he's a historian, then I am Abraham Lincoln, who interestingly enough is the politician whom Gingrich thinks he most resembles - despite not having a beard, a log cabin or an Emancipation Proclamation.

6. AN ADDENDUM TO THE DRINKING GAME

Every time the candidates disagree with each other, you have to chug a beer. For a party with so many different candidates, they pretty much march in lockstep ideologically, so you won't have to worry too much. Almost everybody except Jon Huntsman thinks we need to get in a trade war with China, and everybody believes in lower taxes, less regulation and 'Merica.

5. RICK PERRY

George Bush part deux. They both were governors of Texas and love executing people. 'Nuff said.

4. PERRY AGAIN, BECAUSE ONE POINT JUST ISN'T ENOUGH

The "Maverick" flubs debates like nobody since the original Decider.

"It is three agencies of government when I get there that are gone," Perry said. "Commerce, education and the — what's the third one there?"

Perry never did figure out the third agency he wanted to eliminate, which is scary assuming he just picks the last one at random. It seems as though he either has a terrible memory — which is bad for somebody applying for a job where you have access to nuclear codes — or this issue does not actually matter to him and he is just trying to get good publicity with snappy sound bites that he can't remember.

3. YOU CAN LEARN A LOT ABOUT FIXING THE ECONOMY

You can learn something to do with 9-9-9 and getting rid of welfare, like the Chinese. Also, taxes suck.

2. WILL MITT ROMNEY EVER MAKE UP HIS MIND ON HIS PLATFORM?

If you pay attention to Romney, you'll get the idea that he is just saying whatever will make him most popular with the base and not what he truly believes. Then again, he is a politician. What position will Romney contradict himself on next week? Tune in and find out.

1. LAST BUT NOT LEAST

And the No. 1 reason to watch the presidential debates is these candidates could potentially be the leader of the free world by next November. As responsible citizens you should pay attention to your government. Only an informed citizenry can partake in a true democracy, unless you would rather have a racist, trigger-happy and probably white president. In that case, drink up.

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K-State daily briefs

Karen Ingram
news editor

Matt McDonough will be giving his final doctoral dissertation, "Manifestly Uncertain Destiny: The Debate Over American Expansionism, 1803-1848," on Nov. 18 at 11 a.m. in Eisenhower Hall 201.

The Riley County Republicans will be hosting a meeting on Saturday, Nov. 19 at 9:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn. Senator Roger Reitz and Representative Susan Mosier will be in attendance, as well as special guest Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins. The organization will serve a continental breakfast. The event is free and open to the public, but donations are accepted.

Questions may be directed to rileycountyrepublicans@gmail.com.

The Kyle Bennett Band will be performing at Longhorns Saloon on Dec. 1. Doors open at 8 p.m. Bennett's country rock single "Here in This Town" peaked at No. 8 on the Texas music charts and was in the Top 10 for four weeks. For more information, visit longhornssaloon.com or KyleBennettMusic.com.

Multiple law enforcement agencies will be working together to keep impaired drivers off the road during Thanksgiving break, Nov. 21 through 27. The K-State Police Department, Kansas Highway Patrol and others will be participating in the Kansas Thanksgiving Traffic Enforcement Campaign, courtesy of a grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation. KDOT reports that alcohol-related crashes are more than 2 1/2 times more likely to result in injury or death.

THE BLOTTER ARREST REPORTS

TUESDAY

Erik Matthew Kenyon, of Ogden, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Charish Lillian Blevins, of the 1500 block of Oxford Place, was booked for criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Amanda Dezirae Silva, of Ogden, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Kevin Dujuan Euring, of the 1800 block of Manhattan

Avenue, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Jason Scott Oder, of the 6000 block of Tuttle Terrace, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$1,000.

WEDNESDAY

Brennan John Sedlacek, of the 700 block of Pierre Street, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Compiled by Sarah Rajewski

K-State-Salina receives infrared camera for use in aircraft trainer

Dusty Dhuyvetter
contributing writer

Editor's Note: This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

K-State-Salina recently received the donation of the Max-Viz EVS-1000, an infrared camera. This camera will allow students in the avionics program to gain experience with technology, which is becoming more and more common in the field.

Max-Viz, a company out of Portland, Ore., that specifically produces cameras for aircrafts, donated the camera to the Hawker Beechcraft Corporation that donated the camera to K-State-Salina.

According to a news release prepared by Natalie Blair, K-State-Salina's public and alumni relations coordinator, this was made possible by John Kraft, manager of advanced technologies at Hawker Beechcraft Corporation and member of K-State-Salina's industry advisory board.

Kraft informed Max-Viz of K-State-Salina's need for this type of technology. Hawker Beechcraft Corporation, an aerospace manufacturing company, is headquartered in Wichita and has partnered with K-State-Salina on projects before. The EVS-1000 is designed to help the pilot view what would be difficult to see with the naked eye in low visibility situations.

"It is used to provide the pilot with situational awareness in low visibility situations such as fog, clouds,

some smoke," said Kurt Barnhart, head of the aviation department at K-State-Salina.

Other times of possible use are at sunrise and sunset when there is a glare, as well as at night. The camera is capable of enhancing vision in these circumstances because it uses thermal infrared technology.

"Thermal infrared detects objects emitting energy which would show up as what we see as changes in heat," said Douglas Goodin, profes-

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Douglas Goodin
professor of geography

sor of geography at K-State. "It operates at night because it's seeing thermal differences rather than reflected light."

According to Goodin, thermal infrared does not need visible light to distinguish between objects, but only needs a difference in the amount of energy being emitted by them.

This ability helps pilots to have a more complete picture of what is going on outside of their aircraft. For example, detecting a bird in the air or a deer on the runway in a low visibility situation would be much easier using the infrared technology.

The camera, however, will be implemented in a slightly

different way than it is most commonly used.

"It's going to be in our G1000 trainer, not an aircraft," said Raylene Alexander, assistant professor of aviation at K-State-Salina. "It's basically an avionics suite that we had donated that we are hooking it up to so that a pilot can see how it works."

In other words, the camera will not be installed in an aircraft, but rather will be used with a cockpit simulation system on campus. Using the camera in this way will provide students the opportunity to thoroughly learn the technology and prepare themselves for the job market.

"The infrared camera is something that is becoming extremely popular in general aviation and this helps my students in learning how to install it, how to do the function checks with it and how to troubleshoot it," Alexander said.

The EVS-1000 currently retails for \$84,000, meaning that for now it is typically reserved for more expensive aircrafts, but that might be changing.

"Infrared cameras are used in a lot of higher-end corporate aircrafts, although technology like this is starting to filter down into smaller aircrafts," Barnhart said.

Just like any other technology, infrared cameras may become standard over time, rather than being reserved for certain aircrafts.

"They are becoming pretty popular," Alexander said. "They are still pretty new in the market, but they are even coming off the assembly line installed."

Student Senate to decide on funding for many campus groups

Jakki Thompson
staff writer

Student Senate will allocate fees to many different organizations at tonight's meeting. The final action items up for vote will be to allocate fees to Student Publications Inc., Theater Appreciation and Participation, KSU Potter's Guild, the Golden Key International Honor Society, On The Spot Improv, the Japanese Student Association, the American Choral Directors Association and the Collegiate Music Educators National Conference. There will be introduction of new legislation that includes allocations to the Blue Key Honor Society, the Wildlife Society and to Professional Convention Management Association. The senate meets tonight in the Big 12 room in the K-State Student Union at 7.

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Hospital in Wamego named 11th best health care facility in nation

Darrington Clark
staff writer

Wamego City Hospital accomplished a rare feat this year when it claimed a top spot in the 100 best health care facilities to work in the country for the second year in a row. Less than half of all health care organizations rank this highly in two consecutive years. In the smaller companies category, Wamego City Hospital ranked fourth nationwide.

“We are very happy and honored to have received selection again this year,” said Angie Barber, administrative assistant for the hospital.

Modern Healthcare magazine constructs a list of 100 best places to work each year, in which 327 health care organizations and companies compete regularly. The requirements to make the list include the benefits supplied, economic development, employee retention and overall satisfaction from patients and staff. Wamego City Hospital jumped from No. 24 last year to No. 11 this year.

“Wamego is a wonderful community, and I’m so happy to be a part of it,” said Kevin Staats, employee of the hospital for 26 years. “I’ve been proud to work here since the day I started. We all have strong ties to helping the community.”

Wamego City Hospital first opened in 1915 as an in-home hospital. By 1925, the community of Wamego raised enough money to

expand and create a larger health care center for the city. Ever since it was founded, the hospital has been centered on helping the local citizens.

“The culture we create at the hospital is one of community,” said Shannan Flach, CEO of the hospital. “We constantly remind ourselves what we’re here for, to care for our friends, families and neighbors. The staff at Wamego has taken that to heart, and we try to stress it daily. Because of that, we have a staff that comes into work because they want to, not because they have to.”

“We strive to continue being the best place we can be, for our patients and for our staff.”

Shannan Flach
CEO of Wamego City Hospital

Staats agreed that the sense of family is a main reason why Modern Healthcare chose Wamego Hospital again.

“The camaraderie of all the employees is so strong. There’s a home atmosphere here that comes from working together. The feeling carries right over into helping patients,” Staats said. “It’s a feeling that makes me love to get up in the morning and do my job.”

The years 2006 and 2007 saw drastic renovations and expansions to Wamego City Hospital, and these improved facilities, in-

cluding a new kitchen and dining room complex, created increased employee satisfaction and effectiveness, according to Flach.

“Modern Healthcare certainly took focus to our lucrative employee benefit package, I’m sure,” Flach said. “But it’s really the little things that do the job. We offer employees a walking trail and an exercise room to reinforce the idea of a healthy lifestyle. We hold morale booster committee meetings. Sometimes, out of the blue, someone will make popcorn for all of the staff. Those small things perk us all up, and create a fun and relaxed environment in which to help others.”

The hospital has gone through many changes throughout its history, but much of the staff believes they have bolstered the true purpose of the institution.

“Back in 1985, when I started working here, we delivered babies, almost 300 a year,” Staats said. “We no longer provide that service. Mercy Hospital takes care of that, now, but since then we’ve really become a community set organization, and now we have services that send doctors to patients. We’re more involved in the public now.”

Flach believes that this will not be the last time Wamego appears on Modern Healthcare’s list.

“We strive to continue being the best place we can be, for our patients and for our staff,” Flach said. “If we keep doing that, then I have hope that we’ll get higher and higher on the list.”

TO THE POINT

Better safe than sorry: students should treat fire alarms as legitimate warnings

To the point is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian’s official opinion.

Fire alarms and building evacuations may seem like they happen all too often here on campus, and maybe they do — some people are disrespectful and feel the need to pull fire alarms or do immature things that trip alarms. But the fact is that these alarms, even when they are false, are important and should be respected.

The recent false alarm in

Throckmorton Hall is a prime example — no, there wasn’t any danger and students were inconvenienced, but the important thing is that everyone is safe. The fact is that there was a legitimate emergency in that same hall hours before, so whoever saw something that looked dangerous did the right thing in reporting it.

Yes, standing out in the cold is inconvenient, but getting caught in a building that’s on fire because someone didn’t report a possible threat would be quite a bit more unpleasant.

Also, some of us have seen people staying in a building during an alarm on the assumption that it is false, especially if there had been many false alarms already, and we all agree that this is not intelligent behavior. These alarms are there for our safety, and there is always the chance that the one time you ignore it will be the one time it is legitimate.

So, complain and grumble all you want, even though others around you won’t appreciate it, but follow the rules and evacuate the building for your own safety.

THANKSGIVING | Pie best with homemade crust, whipped cream

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Just like the potatoes, finishing the dressing off is important. When baking the dressing, cover the dish with buttered tinfoil. Like covering leftovers with a damp paper towel in a microwave, the buttered tinfoil will keep the dressing from drying out.

When I took the tinfoil off my dressing, I was happy with how it looked. I added four tablespoons of butter to the top and cooked it again for 15 minutes. Since the pieces of bread are not packaged, the yield will not be as large because there are not miniscule crumbs, so another pan may be needed.

Pecan pie and whipped cream: The end of the dinner is just as important as the start. I don’t like to show bias, but making pie is my favorite part of the Thanksgiving preparations. I learned how to create handmade crust and will never go back to store-bought. Even though the crust is important, the filling of the pie is what will get your family cutting a second slice.

Pumpkin pie is easy because the majority of it comes from a can. But I challenged myself and made pecan pie. With a filling that needs to set correctly, the pecan pie can be tricky. Patience is the key with this dessert.

Don’t rush the filling. Keep it in the standing mixer until it starts to froth. That shows the consistency is light enough not to bake into a brick in the oven, but thick enough to handle the weight of the pecans on top.

Along with the work put into the pie, topping it with whipped cream is a great finish. I personally hate canned whipped cream. Making your own whipped cream is the only way to eat freshly made pie. The tip to bringing the whipped cream together faster is to freeze the bowl and beaters. The cold surroundings will force the cream to stiffen. I also add a small amount of vanilla extract to the whipped cream.

These three dishes are important in making a Thanksgiving meal shine. I recreated each in my own kitchen for fun. Give them a try and see how you like them.

Caroline Sweeney is a senior in English. Send comments to edge@spub.ksu.edu.

INGREDIENTS

1 pie crust, from scratch or premade
4 large eggs
1 cup light corn syrup
1/3 cup packed light-brown sugar
1/4 cup granulated sugar
4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 cups pecan halves
Lightly sweetened whipped cream, for serving (optional)

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. with rack set in lowest position.
Using kitchen shears or a paring knife, trim dough to a 1-inch overhang. With floured fingers, fold overhang under itself to form a rim; pinch between thumb and forefinger to form a uniform edge around rim of pie plate. Crimp with fingertips. Transfer dough-lined pie plate to refrigerator.
Make filling: In a large bowl, whisk eggs, corn syrup, sugars, butter, vanilla, and salt until smooth; mix in pecans. Pour mixture into chilled pie crust; place pie plate on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake until filling jiggles slightly in the center when gently shaken, 50 to 60 minutes.
Cool pie completely in plate, 5 to 6 hours. Serve with whipped cream, if desired.

INGREDIENTS

8 medium russet potatoes (about 4 pounds)
1 head peeled garlic cloves (about 15)
Coarse salt
1 1/2 cups milk
1/2 cup butter (1 stick), cut into small pieces

DIRECTIONS

Peel potatoes and quarter lengthwise; cut crosswise 1/2 inch thick. In a 5-quart saucepan, combine potatoes and garlic cloves; cover with water (about 8 cups) by 1 inch. Add 1 tablespoon salt.
Bring to a boil; reduce heat, and simmer until potatoes are easily pierced with the tip of a paring knife, 25 to 30 minutes.
Drain; return garlic and potatoes to pan. Stir over medium-high heat until dry, 1 to 2 minutes. Remove from heat.
In a small saucepan, bring milk to a boil; pour over potatoes. Add butter and 1 teaspoon of salt. Mash until smooth and creamy.

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